

REMARKS

The third Official Action dated 11 April 2003 has been carefully considered, along with cited references.

The indicated allowability of claims 11 and 14 are withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Arakawa.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the damping fluid must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s).

In response, FIG. 4 has been amended to show the damping fluid, and the specification has also been amended to include the reference numeral "623" which is provided to indicate the damping fluid that has originally disclosed in the specification. No new matter has been entered into the specification and the drawings.

Claims 11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Arakawa 4,893,522.

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 12, 13, 15-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-10 have been previously cancelled.

In response, claim 11 which has been rejected in view of the art has been cancelled, so that it is unnecessary to discuss the grounds of rejection specific thereto.

Claims 12-13 which are indicated to be allowable have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 14 has been amended to be dependent on the amended claim 13.

Claims 15, 16 and 17 which are indicated to be allowable have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 18 is dependent on the amended claim 17. Claim 19 is dependent on claim 18.

Accordingly, claims 12-19 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner WOOD are appreciated.
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